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The Honorable Sinclair Weeks  
Secretary of Commerce  
Washington 25, D. C.

Dear Mr. Secretary:

Thank you for your letter of 18 January, inviting me to attend one of the showings of the new facilities recently put into operation at the National Bureau of Standards.

I regret that I will be unable to be present at the demonstration, but I have taken the liberty of arranging through Dr. Astin's office for [ ] one of our Assistant Directors, to be present in my behalf. The Deputy Director of Central Intelligence, Lieut. General G. P. Cabell, is also accepting the invitation which you sent him and has notified Dr. Astin's office accordingly.

Sincerely,

Allen W. Dulles  
Director

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MEMORANDUM FOR: Mr. DULLES  
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If you desire to attend any of these open house showings at the Bureau of Standards, you have nothing at present on your calendar for 8:00 p.m. on February 7.

General Cabell is attending. ☐  
would like to go but did not receive an invitation.

Recommend you do not attend, but ask Chad to take your place. ☐

*OK gwd*  
*W. W. Weeks*  
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January 19, 1955

The Honorable  
Allen A. Dulles  
Director, Central Intelligence  
Agency  
Washington 25, D. C.

Dear Mr. Director:

Two important new facilities have recently been put into operation at the National Bureau of Standards. These are a gamma ray laboratory for the standardization of radioactive materials and an addition to the Betatron Laboratory for the development of standard measuring techniques for very high energy X-rays. The activities in each of these facilities have an important bearing on advances in the utilization of atomic energy and its by-products in medicine, industry and research.

In connection with the first public showing of these facilities, the Bureau is holding an open house on February 7th and 8th. I would like very much to have you visit the Bureau at that time. In order to provide some flexibility for the guests of the open house, three showings have been set: At 8:00 p.m. on Monday, February 7, and at 3:00 p.m. and 8:00 p.m. on Tuesday, February 8. The general program will feature the relationship between the Bureau's activities and our technological economy, with illustrations from a variety of fields of science and engineering. The open house program will start with a demonstration in the Bureau's High Voltage Laboratory, located on Van Ness Street between Connecticut Avenue and Reno Road. Immediately following the demonstration, other research laboratories will be open for inspection.

I sincerely hope that you will be able to attend and would appreciate a call from your secretary to the office of the Director, National Bureau of Standards, as to whether we may expect you, and which showing you prefer. Dr. Astin's telephone number is EMerson 2-4040, or code 154, extension 7411.

Sincerely yours,

*Lucian K. Nease*  
Secretary of Commerce